



January... In Grade One

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Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2014

We are very excited to begin the New Year with such great students. We are hoping for many new and exciting learning adventures for our students, both in school and in their personal lives.

In the New Year, we will continue to make use of our Teacher Pages on the Harkin's Elementary Website. We've attached this newsletter and have linked some more great Math websites your children have used and enjoyed in class. Please check it out!

Winter is Here!!

Just a friendly reminder to make sure your children arrive at school wearing their snowpants. Most mornings the children are outside in the morning and it is very chilly. We have placed a "clothes line" in our classrooms for any clothing that gets wet in the morning.

Many of my students have been making use of the set of extra clothing that was sent in. Often they will change into the extra clothes until their clothing dries. We will be checking the extra clothes this week and sending home a note in the agendas for students who are missing all or a few clothing items.

In our Classroom....

Literacy

For the month of January we will begin by reviewing the reading strategies introduced last month in The Daily Café. We will begin the 4th literacy task in the Daily Five, called Work on Writing. Students will have the opportunity to build their writing stamina while improving their writing skills and fostering a love of writing.

Math

We started our unit Addition and Subtraction to 12 in December and will continue on this concept for the whole month of January. Our first focus will be working on addition using doubles (i.e. we know 4 and 4 is 8, so 4 and 5 is the same as 4 and 4 {8} and 1 more). We will also be focusing on combinations to 10 (i.e. 6+4 or 3+7).

We added links to some Math addition games on our teacher pages. You can simply click on the link and it will take you directly to the game. There are 2 which focus on number doubles: "Robin's Doubles" and "Hit the Button". We have also added 2 which focus on bonds of 10 (numbers that go together to make 10, such as 2+8 or 5+5). They are "Save the Whale" and "Math Lines". We will be teaching the students how to play other addition games next week in class and will add more games to our teacher pages.

You and Your World

This month our focus will be on communities and how they change over time. We will also explore different signs and symbols used in our community, and create our own maps using symbols!

Skating...

Thank you so much for all the support with our monthly skating at Miramichi Civic Center. Not only is it a great help, but our students love having their parents and grandparents come out to help.

Our next skating dates are scheduled for January 10th and February 6th. Hope to see you there!

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
7	8 Scholastic Book Order goes out	9	10 Skating 10:15- 11:15	11 Scholastic Book Orders Due
14	15 Popcorn orders	16	17	18
21	22 Popcorn orders	23	24	25
28 Happy Birthday Madison!	29 Popcorn orders			1